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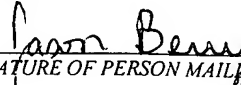
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TITLE : METHODS OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING HEPATIC CELL PROLIFERATIVE DISORDERS

The prior application is assigned of record to **THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on August 19, 2002, at Reel 013199, Frame 0019.

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	49
Pages of Claims	8
Pages of Abstract	1
Pages of Declaration (from Parent)	3
Sheets of Drawing	5

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This request includes Three (3) sheets and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (5 pages);
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
 - Forms PTO-1449 (filed in parent application) (2 pages);
 - Forms PTO-892 (filed in parent application) (2 pages);
- Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form (2 pages);
- Sequence Listing (4 pages);
- Check No. 544385 in the amount of \$375.00; and
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Under 35 USC § 121, this application is a **divisional** application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/687,246 filed October 12, 2000, now pending; which claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e) of U.S. Application Serial No. 60/159,168 filed October 13, 1999, now abandoned. The disclosure of each of the prior applications is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

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If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if it appears that a telephone conference would helpfully advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at (858) 677-1456.

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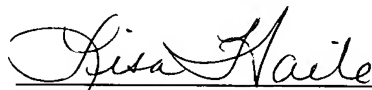
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